

# Pompano PICKS

[happening in and around the town]

## 27th Annual Florida Renaissance Festival

BY DANIELLE CHARBONNEAU

Every February and March, the northwest corner of Quiet Waters Park in Deerfield Beach transforms from a simple nature park into a grand and whimsical immersive world inspired by the Renaissance era. A castle entrance beckons guests to enter through its arches; a king and queen perch on their thrones to watch knights joust; children thrust lances through a golden ring while riding a wooden horse down a steep greased cable called a Quintain; performers recite Shakespeare and perform daring acts of acrobatic bravery; adults learn to throw axes and watch expert demonstrations, such as an archer who can nail a target with his handmade wooden bow from a spectacular distance. At this celebration, hungry festivalgoers sink their jaws into juicy turkey legs and guzzle cold beer while admiring the elaborate costumes of their fellow lads and ladies.

“Our festival provides people of all ages the chance to escape into an alternate universe with invigorating activities, and our growing assortment of themed weekends,” said Bobby Rodriguez, the founder and producer of the Florida Renaissance Festival.

The Florida Renaissance Festival attracts more than 100,000 annual attendees and this year will be celebrating its 27th year in existence, its 20th year in Deerfield Beach. More than two million people have participated in the festival since it began.

This year over 100 artisans and 100 performers will be in attendance. Every one of the festival’s seven weekends boasts a new theme, including: “Game of Thrones” (Feb. 9 - 11); Time Travelers and Steampunk (Feb. 16 - 18); Vikings and Barbarians (Feb 23 & 24); Bodacious Bodices and Wenches (March 2 & 3); Swashbucklers and Sirens (March 9 & 10); Kilts and Colleens (March 16 & 17); and lastly, Magic, Witches and Wizards (March 23 & 24). Attendees are highly encouraged to wear costumes in theme.

**WHEN:** Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to sunset from Feb. 9 to March 24, plus Monday Feb. 11 (the first weekend of the festival) and Monday Feb. 18 (President’s Day).

**WHERE:** Quiet Waters Park, 401 S. Powerline Rd., Deerfield Beach

**COST:** One day adult admission is \$25; Kids ages 6-11 are \$12; Children under 5 are free. A season pass for all seven weekends is \$112 for adults and \$59 for kids. Parking is complimentary and VIP parking is available for \$20. Entrance to Quiet Waters Park is \$1.50 per person. Visit [ren-fest.com](http://ren-fest.com) to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets will also be available on site.



## Valentine’s Day

Here’s some out-of-the-box options for you and your sweetie on Valentine’s Day:



### Couples Wine-Down Forging Workshop

Looking for a “hot” date-night activity for Valentine’s Day but tired of the same old dinner date? Bring your Valentine to a unique workshop and learn the basics of blacksmithing. You and your date will create a beautiful finished project together. The evening will include entertaining instructors, wine, cheese and all the tools and materials necessary. No experience is required. Choose one of two dates.

**WHEN:** Feb. 14 or Feb. 15 from 7pm to 10pm

**WHERE:** The Guild Urban Craft & Folk Art School, 205 NW 16th St., Pompano Beach

**COST:** \$85; Register at [guildfl.com/classes-workshops](http://guildfl.com/classes-workshops)

### Love’s a Bitch Comedy Show

Comedian Lindsay Glazer will join her comedian friends Darius Culpepper (MC), Michael Murillo and Ricky Reyes at ArtServe for Glazer’s trademark standup “Love’s a B, an AlphaB!” It will be a night for poking fun at love.

**WHEN:** Feb. 14; doors open at 8:30pm; show starts at 9pm

**WHERE:** ArtServe, 1350 E. Sunrise Blvd., Fort Lauderdale

**COST:** General admission is \$20; VIP package is \$30; tickets can be purchased in advance on EventBrite.

To check out Lindsay’s comedy, visit [youtube.com/lindsayglazer](http://youtube.com/lindsayglazer)

## 36th Annual St. Coleman Italian Festival

In 1984, the St. Coleman Italian Festival was just a simple spaghetti dinner with pony rides. Now, the festival has become a spectacularly big carnival with 15 adult rides, nine kids rides, food vendors, continuous music and live entertainment.

The festival serves as one of the largest fundraisers of the year for St. Coleman elementary school and parish. In past years, proceeds from the festival renovated the administration wing of the school, and built the outdoor gymnasium, media center and parish hall kitchen. Bring your family out to enjoy the fun.

**WHEN:** Feb. 15 from 1-11pm; Feb. 16 from noon to 11pm; Feb. 17 from noon to 8pm

**WHERE:** 1200 S. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach

**COST:** Admission and parking are free; food, rides and games are available for purchase at the festival. Ride every ride once for \$20, or buy individual ride tickets. A variety of pre-sale ride wristbands are available at a discount online at [italianfest.org](http://italianfest.org).



## 4th Annual St. Coleman Cornhole Tournament

In this annual cornhole tournament players compete for bragging rights, a traveling trophy and recognition in the St. Coleman church bulletin. Qualifier begins Sunday, Feb. 18 at noon. The top 16 point scorers qualify for tournament play. The single elimination tournament runs from 4:30 to 8pm. Games go to 15 net scores. Players will throw eight bags for total points. Visit [italianfest.org](http://italianfest.org) for more information.

## St. Ambrose Carnival & Music Festival

Live music all weekend long, tons of rides, food and fun await families at the St. Ambrose annual carnival. The selection of bands this year brings performers from Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and beyond. Festival organizers say the music will be the highlight of this year's festivities.

### The music lineup is as follows:

#### THURSDAY FEB. 28:

6:30 - 7:30 "The Baron Sisters"

8:00 - 10:15 "Completely Unchained"

#### FRIDAY MARCH 1:

5:30 - 6:30 "Jacob Reese Thornton"

7:00 - 8:30 "Southern Blood"

9:00 - 11:15 "Tori Rossi & Will Plus"

#### SATURDAY MARCH 2:

1:30 - 2:30 TBD

3:00 - 5:00 "School of Rock Coral Springs"

5:30 - 7:00 "SOLID BRASS"

7:30 - 8:45 "Rogue Theory Band"

9:00 - 11:15 "Pure Heart Band" A tribute to Heart

#### SUNDAY MARCH 3:

1:00 - 2:30 School Events

3:00 - 4:30 "Rough Shot"

5:00 - 6:30 "Alex Shaw & The Classic Rock Revival"

7:00 - 8:30 "Motown Tribute by N2 Nation"

#### CARNIVAL INFO:

**WHEN:** Thursday Feb. 28 - Sunday March 3. Carnival hours: Thursday 5 to 10pm; Friday 5 to 11pm; Saturday 1pm to 11pm; Sunday 1pm to 8pm

**WHERE:** St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 380 South Federal Highway, Deerfield Beach

**COST:** Ride wristbands are \$30. Food and other activities available for purchase.



## Pioneer Days

Deerfield Beach celebrates its roots with this three day, beachside festival. The event features a carnival, arts and crafts, food vendors, live entertainment, a parade and a grand fireworks display.

#### WHEN:

- Feb. 15 from 5-10pm
- Feb. 16 parade at 10am, festival from 10am to 10pm, grand fireworks at 9:05pm
- Feb. 17 from 10am to 6pm

**WHERE:** Main Beach Parking Lot, 149 SE 21st Ave., Deerfield Beach

**COST:** Free

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## Pompano Beach Garden Club Fashion Show Luncheon

The Pompano Beach Garden Club will host its Fabulous Soup Luncheon and Fashion Show on Feb. 16. The event will feature a fashion show by SteinMart, gift baskets, raffles and a silent auction. Plants will be available for sale. Lunch will feature homemade soups, garden salad and dessert. All funds raised help us to support our charities and civic projects.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach.

**COST:** Tickets for the lunch and show are \$25. To purchase one, contact Edie Kappler at [rbkappler@comcast.net](mailto:rbkappler@comcast.net) or 954-943-2699.



## The South Florida Depression Glass Club's 45th Annual Show

This event features dealers from around the country who specialize in selling glass antiques from the Depression era, including glassware, pottery, dinnerware and kitchen goods. A free gift will be given to the first 100 paid attendees. Door prizes will be given every half hour. Free seminars will be taught and hundreds of glass items will be raffled off.

The event is hosted by the South Florida Depression Glass Club, which was founded in the 1970s to promote glass collecting as a hobby. The club meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Women's Club Building in Wilton Manors, 600 NE 21 Court.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 2 from 10am to 5pm; Sunday Feb. 3 from 10am to 4pm

**WHERE:** The Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach

**COST:** Admission is \$6. Visit [sfdgc.com](http://sfdgc.com) for more information.

## Tropical Postcard Show

Over 30 dealers from around the country gather to show and sell more than a million tropical postcards.

**WHEN:** Feb. 23 from 10am to 5pm

**WHERE:** Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach

For more information visit [tropicalpostcardclub.com](http://tropicalpostcardclub.com)



## Celebrate Nonprofits like 2-1-1

Do you know about 2-1-1? By dialing 2-1-1 from any phone in Broward County, residents can reach a 24-hour comprehensive helpline for individuals and families in our community seeking crisis intervention assistance. Don't feel alone. Reach out. The friendly people at 2-1-1 are there for you.

To celebrate the accomplishments of 2-1-1 and other Broward County nonprofit organizations, 2-1-1 and Community Care Plan — the first safety-net, hospital-owned Provider Service Network that serves members enrolled in Medicaid, Children's Medical Services Network and self-insured employee health plans — will host the 9th annual Community Care Plan Nonprofit Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 22.

The awards will acknowledge the highest level of achievement, innovation and quality in the nonprofit sector with 10 categories of award winners.

**WHEN:** Friday Feb. 22 at 11am

**WHERE:** Signature Grand, 6900 FL-84, Davie

**COST:** Tickets are \$100 per person for general admission. To learn more visit [211-broward.org/non-profit-awards/](http://211-broward.org/non-profit-awards/) or contact Tracy Schuldiner at 954-390-0493 or [tschuldiner@211-broward.org](mailto:tschuldiner@211-broward.org).

## CPR Training

Pompano Beach Fire Rescue will host Matters Of The Heart CPR Training. Learn how to save a life in only five minutes. The fire department, along with the help of volunteers from American Heritage High School, will teach the hands-on training sessions. The sessions are only five minutes long and will occur every 15 minutes. Anyone over the age of 8 is welcome.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 16, sessions every 15 minutes from 9am to 1pm.

**WHERE:** E. Pat Larkins Center, 520 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Pompano Beach

For more information contact Robin Burns at [Robin.Burns@copbfl.com](mailto:Robin.Burns@copbfl.com) or 954-786-4695

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## Opera Fusion at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center

Opera Fusion, in collaboration with Gulfcoast Opera, presents a delightful production, fully staged with a chamber orchestra. Don Pasquale is an opera buffa in three acts by Italian composer Gaetano Donizetti with a libretto by Donizetti and Giovanni Ruffini. It premiered at the Théâtre Italien in Paris on January 3, 1843. The premiere was a smashing success, and was quickly produced across the great opera houses of Europe.

Widely regarded as a masterpiece of comic operas of the period, Don Pasquale remains a fixture among the world's opera houses. It is filled with bright and colorful vocal writing and skillful

depiction of plot and character. The characters derive from types that were common in the many comic operas of the period: a clever leading lady, her winsome admirer, an old buffoon who hopes to outwit them and a conniving fellow who takes the side of the young lovers.

**WHEN:** Saturday, Feb. 16; doors open at 6:30pm; show at 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Pompano Beach Cultural Center, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach

**COST:** Adults \$35; Student \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the box office at the cultural center, 50 W. Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach. Box office hours are Monday through Friday 10am to 6pm.



## The Jimi Hendrix Experience at the Amp

You might remember Hendrix for famously burning his guitar on stage at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival, or for his electric National Anthem performance at Woodstock. You can re-live the musical glory days of Hendrix at the Jimi Hendrix Experience. This multi-artist, sensory experience celebrates the insanity and genius of one of America's greatest guitar players. Hendrix is long hailed as one of rock's greatest innovators, and this latest edition of the annual tour will be the most ambitious one to date, including one stop at the Pompano Beach Amphitheater. Artists performing in the tour include Billy Cox, Joe Satriani, Dave Mustaine, Jonny Lang, Dweezil Zappa and Eric Johnson, among others.

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 3; doors open at 6:30pm; show is at 7:30pm

**WHERE:** Pompano Beach Amphitheater, 1806 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach

**COST:** Tickets start at \$43 plus ticketing fees and can be purchased by visiting the Pompano Amp website, [theamppompano.org](http://theamppompano.org).

## More Concerts

### Pompano Beach Winter Concert Series:

From January through March, the City of Pompano Beach will host a series of live concerts at three different community centers. February's concerts include The Beatlemaniax, Comedian Bobby Kelton, Rockin' at the Hop and a Donna Summer, Whitney Houston tribute band.

#### WHEN & WHERE:

All concerts begin at 7:30pm; doors open at 6:30pm

- Feb. 6: The Beatlemaniax at Herb

Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36 Ave.

- Feb. 13: Comedian Bobby Kelton at Herb Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36 Ave.
- Feb. 20: Rockin' at the Hop at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St.
- Feb. 27: A Donna Summer, Whitney Houston tribute band at E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 NW Third St.

### Joe Bonamassa at the Au-Rene

Two-time Grammy-nominated blues-rock guitar icon Joe Bonamassa will perform

three consecutive shows at the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. The concert tour will celebrate his new, all-original studio album "Redemption." Bonamassa is hailed worldwide as one of the greatest guitar players of his generation.

**WHEN:** Feb. 15, 16 & 17 at 8pm

**WHERE:** Au Rene Theater at the Broward Center for Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave., Fort Lauderdale

**COST:** Tickets start at \$99 plus ticketing fees and can be purchased on Ticketmaster.

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## Seventh Annual Plants & People Day

WILL CELEBRATE POMPANO BEACH'S DISTINCTION AS A WILDLIFE HABITAT

BY DONNA TORREY

Pompano Beach is part of a migratory flyway and one of the few places in the continental United States where birds and butterflies stop over during the winter months, making it a perfect place for ecotourism. In 2010 the City of Pompano Beach became a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Pompano Beach is the 42nd city in the country and largest city in Florida to receive the honor, which was largely accomplished by an all-volunteer team consisting of members from Pompano Proud and the Grow Wild! initiative.

More than 300 backyards have been declared as Certified Wildlife Habitat sites. In addition, nine parks, nine businesses and 11 school grounds have been certified through the program. Pompano Beach has now been certified for seven consecutive years. The annual Plants & People Day celebrates the accomplishment.

Plants & People Day is hosted by Pompano Proud, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the beautification of Pompano Beach. Since 1986, Pompano Proud has been promoting, through direct action and education, awareness of aesthetic and conservation policies affecting the city. Projects have included planting trees, community clean-ups, protection of sensitive habitats and guidance for homeowners wishing to plant sensible landscapes. If you'd like to get involved, visit [pompanoproud.com](http://pompanoproud.com).

**WHEN:** This year's Plants & People Day will take place on Feb. 10 from 10am to 3pm

**WHERE:** Centennial Park surrounding the Sample-McDougal House (on the corner of 10th St. and 5th Ave. in Pompano Beach). The event will feature vendors, speakers, food and hourly raffle prizes.

*Donna Torrey is the owner of The Garden Gate at Sears at the Pompano Citi Center and is a member of Pompano Proud.*



## 9th Annual Two Georges at The Cove Billfish Tournament

All Proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County (Jim & Jan Moran Unit).

**WHEN:** Feb. 1

**WHERE:** Two Georges, The Cove Restaurant & Marina, 1754 SE Third Court, Deerfield Beach

**COST:** Boat & Angler \$650.00 (includes three dinner tickets and six drink tickets). Each additional angler \$150.00 (includes two dinner tickets and two drink tickets).

For Sponsorship and/or registration contact Denise Buzzelli at 954-427-0353.

## Leg Two of the Quest for the Crest Sailfish Series Competition

The 2019 Quest for the Crest Sailfish Series, one of the largest sailfish fishing competitions in all of Florida, has arrived. There are some fantastic grand prizes up-for-grabs at the end. Leg one of the competition is already over, but you can participate in the second and third.

### LEG 2 - SAILFISH CHALLENGE: FEBRUARY 20-24, 2019

Hosted by IGFA & Blue Moon Fish Co.

Kickoff Party - Wed, Feb 20: 6pm-10pm @ IGFA

Competition Days - Feb 22 & 23: 8am-4pm

Awards Ceremony - Feb 24: 4pm-6pm at Blue Moon Fish Co.

### LEG 3 - FINAL SAIL: APRIL 3-7, 2019

Hosted by DoubleTree Grand Hotel, 1717 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami

Kickoff Party - Wed, April 3: 7pm-10pm

Competition Days - April 5 & 6: 8am-4pm

Awards Ceremony - April 7: 11am-1pm

For more information call 954-725-4010, visit [questforthecrest.com](http://questforthecrest.com), or email [info@bluewatermovements.com](mailto:info@bluewatermovements.com)



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## Re-Occurring Events By-The-Day

### Fridays

#### First Fridays - Old Town Untapped

This community street fair is the place to be on first Fridays in Pompano Beach. A live DJ stage, free beer samples, artisans market, a dozen food trucks, open art galleries and a lively crowd inside at Odd Breed Ales will all make for a festive evening.

**WHEN:** First Fridays from 6 to 9pm

**WHERE:** Old Town Pompano, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach.

**COST:** Free to attend. Food and drinks available for purchase.

#### First Fridays - Pompano Beach's Movies on the Lawn

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and favorite picnic foods to enjoy a featured flick under the stars. February's movie is "Smallfoot." March's movie is "Stuart Little."

**WHEN:** First Fridays at 7pm, Feb. 1 & March 1

**WHERE:** The Great Lawn, Corner of Atlantic and Pompano Beach Blvds.

**COST:** free

#### Second Fridays - Pompano Beach's Music Under the Stars

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy some live music under the stars. February's featured band is Melina Elena Band, an R&B band.

**WHEN:** Second Fridays, Feb. 8, March 8 & April 12 at 7pm

**WHERE:** The Great Lawn, corner of Atlantic and Pompano Beach Blvds.

**COST:** free

#### Third Fridays - Pompano Food Truck Round Up

The Pompano Food Truck Round Up has moved to its new location in Old Town. Join for an evening of food trucks (there's over 15 to choose from), drinks, music and fun. Bring blankets and folding chairs.

**WHEN:** Third Fridays from 6 to 10pm

**WHERE:** Old Town Pompano at First Ave. and First St. (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic Blvds.).

#### Third Fridays - Family Fun Night at Christ Community Church

Every third Friday of the month Christ Community Church will host a family fun night with movies, games and pizza.

**WHEN:** Third Fridays from 6pm to 9pm

**WHERE:** Christ Community Church, 901 E. McNab Rd., Pompano Beach

**COST:** A cover charge of \$5 includes food and drinks. Tickets can be purchased on EventBrite or through the church office. Call 954-943-3866 for more information.

#### Last Fridays Jazz on the Boulevard

Ashanti Cultural Arts will host monthly swing dance classes followed by a jazz concert featuring various jazz artists and bands such as Jessie Jones, Nicole Yarling and George Tandy.

**WHEN:** Last Fridays of each month from October to June from 7 to 10pm.

**WHERE:** Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach

**COST:** \$7 admission

### Saturdays

#### Pompano Beach's Green Market

Pompano Beach's Green Market is in full swing. Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm through April 27 you can shop for organic, local produce and browse the artisan market. Visitors will find the freshest fruits and vegetables, juices, baked goods, seafood and other food items, as well as orchids, plants, health-related products, hand-made crafts, art and culinary products. Plus, starting at 11am, live bands will perform at the open-air stage.

**WHEN:** Every Saturday from 8:30am to 1:30pm from Nov. 3 through April 27. Live music starts at 11am.

**WHERE:** The Green Market is located in Old Town Pompano at First Ave. and First St. (near the corner of Dixie and Atlantic Blvds.). For more information visit [GreenMarketPompanoBeach.com](http://GreenMarketPompanoBeach.com).

### Sundays

#### Soulful Sunday Brunch After Dark

Enjoy music and a tasty brunch after dark.

**WHEN:** Second Sundays at 6pm

**WHERE:** Historic Ali Cultural Arts, 353 Martin Luther King Blvd., Pompano Beach

**COST:** \$5

#### Yoga on the Beach

Juliana from Yoga4Life Studios teaches yoga by the beach on the patch of artificial turf near the fountains. Bring water, a towel and yoga mat. For more information call 754-307-9489

**WHEN:** Sundays from 9-10am

**WHERE:** Beachside on far east end of Atlantic Blvd. in Pompano Beach

**COST:** By donation



### Mondays

#### First Mondays Splash Pad Play Dates

This play date organized by Mommy n' Me is a great opportunity to bring your kiddos, meet some fellow moms, play and picnic. Bring a towel, chairs or blanket, plus some yummy snacks and sunscreen.

**WHEN:** First Mondays at 10am

**WHERE:** The Pompano Beach Splash Pad on the far east end of Atlantic Blvd. by the beach (20 N. Pompano Beach Blvd.)

**COST:** Free

### Wednesdays

#### Lyrics Lab at BaCA

Lyrics Lab is an open mic night for all creatives. Poetry, music, live painting, comedy, magic — all are welcome. Beer, wine and kombucha are available for purchase.

**WHEN:** First & Third Wednesdays from 8-11pm

**WHERE:** Bailey Contemporary Arts, 41 NE First St., Pompano Beach

**COST:** \$10

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